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Brian Carson Fire Chief, PSRFA



New Fire Chief sworn in

Following the retirement of Fire Chief Matthew Morris after 33 years in the fire services, Assistant Chief Brian Carson was sworn in as the next fire chief for Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority (PSRFA) on February 16, 2023. After being given his oath of office at the Change of Command ceremony, Chief Carson's wife Megan pinned his badge to his uniform.

The new Fire Chief will oversee a staff of more than 450 firefighters and non-uniformed support personnel. PSRFA provides fire suppression, technical and water rescue, FD Cares, fire prevention, public education, hazardous materials response, and emergency medical services to the communities of Covington, Kent, Maple Valley, SeaTac, Tukwila, and King County Fire Districts 37 & 43.

Chief Carson brings 31 years of fire service experience to the position. Upon the City of SeaTac's contract for fire and EMS services in 2014, Chief Carson joined PSRFA (formerly the Kent Fire Department Regional Fire Authority) as a Captain. Since that time, he has served as a Captain and Battalion Chief for the Operations Division, a Deputy Chief in the South King County Fire Training Consortium, and the Assistant Chief of Operations.

On his future vision for PSRFA, Chief Carson commented "I believe we exist to serve. We have an incredible team at Puget Sound Fire that believes the same and provides exceptional service to our communities. I am always guided by our four strategic goals – taking care of our communities, taking care of our staff, building connections in the community, and ensuring we are a resilient, sustainable organization. This partnership with the City of Tukwila aligns with those goals. Tukwila is a long-standing partner for Puget Sound Fire, and I look forward to expanding on the already great relationship."

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Mayor's Message

Tukwila Police Department embraces advancements in community policing

The City of Tukwila and its Police Department holds a steadfast

commitment to building trust with its community, and this responsibility includes transparency and accountability. We are proud of our dedicated Police Department, and the compliance and safety standards it upholds.

The nature of policing has changed over the past few years, and the Tukwila Police Department has embraced these changes and is a leader in the state to make improvements to benefit our community. I wanted to take a moment to highlight these for our community:

- ▲ The City of Tukwila Police Department was the first in Washington state to outfit its officers with both body cameras and dash cameras in 2017.
- ▲ Because of our work with community, the Department has received multiple Federal grants to support our Community-Oriented Policing efforts.
- ▲ Chief Eric Drever led the Department's push for, and achievement of, accreditation in November of 2021 through WASPC, and maintains best practices in law enforcement.
- ▲ In 2021 the Department created a Use of Force Review Board comprised of four community members (Accountability/ Transparency), two defensive tactics instructors (Use of Force Subject Matter Experts), and the Deputy Chief (Administrative/Policy Expert). The Board reviews every use of force on a quarterly basis, and presents an annual report summary on Use of Force to the Tukwila City Council.





- ▲ Chief Drever expanded services in 2021 to include a fulltime Mental Health Provider (MHP) on staff, to partner with Sound Health to provide resources for those in crisis. Recently the City won a grant for an additional MHP, who is expected to join the Department in April 2023.
- ▲ Chief Drever was asked by the Washington state Governor's staff to apply for the Governor's new Office of Independent Investigations Advisory Board. He was appointed to the position as a co-chair in November of 2021.
- ▲ The Department created a volunteer panel of community members who sit in on the Chief's interview process for new Tukwila Police Department hires, helping to select the next generation of law enforcement serving the Tukwila community.
- ▲ The Department's Strategic Planning Committee, which consists of Police Department members and community members, is convening now to explore potential changes to the Department's core values and mission statement, along with helping establish a five-year strategic plan.
- ▲ Earlier this year the Tukwila Police Department's Community Engagement Coordinator, Brooke Lamothe, was brought onboard to help organize the Police Department's outreach efforts with the community.

I am proud of our men and women in the Tukwila Police Department who serve this community, and for the thoughtful, committed leadership dedicated to innovation and collaboration in its mission to protect our City.

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Mayor, City of Tukwila

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Tukwila PD partners with false alarm management company

One of the most common types of calls that our officers are dispatched to are residential and commercial alarm calls. The vast majority of these alarm calls are false alarms triggered by pets, wind, employees with wrong codes, and other sources that cause false alarms. These unnecessary responses are a burden in expense and to our resources, reducing unit availability to respond to real emergencies.

In an effort to reduce the large volume of false alarm calls requiring response from our officers, we have partnered with CryWolf – a false alarm management software company – to manage alarm registration, invoicing, payment and processing of false alarm activations.

More information regarding the program and the false alarm fees can be found at CryWolfServices.com/TukwilaWA.



Small changes we make to reduce polluting rainwater can make a big difference!

When it rains, pollution from cars wash into storm drains, and then straight into local streams, lakes, rivers, and Puget Sound. Pollutants like oil, car wash soaps and chemicals, and bits of tire dust are bad for water quality, and harm people and wildlife – like salmon and orcas – that depend on clean water to survive.

Tire Maintenance

- ☑ Check monthly for proper inflation so tires wear down more slowly
- ☑ Tire alignment and rotation service to prevent uneven wear on your tires

Car Washing

- ☑ Use commercial car washes, which are required to treat their dirty wash water.
- ☑ If at home, wash car in grassy area that soaks up water and prevents runoff.

Don't Drip and Drive

- ☑ Check your vehicle for leaks regularly and get them fixed promptly
- ☑ Dispose of used motor oil properly by bringing it to local auto shop for recycling. Call or visit 1-800-RECYCLE for locations.
- ✓ Use ground cloths or drip pans if you find a leak or are doing engine work. Clean up spills immediately

Small actions to keep pollution out of our creeks, lakes and rivers add up to a BIG difference for Puget Sound and its marine life!

Find much more at PugetSoundStartsHere.org



Attention, Hyundai owners!

The Tukwila Police Department is working with Hyundai and KIA, in response to the increasing car thefts targeting Hyundai and KIA vehicles without push-button ignitions. KIA and Hyundai are providing free steering wheel locks, as available, to law enforcement agencies across the country for distribution to residents who own or lease affected models.

Here is how Tukwila residents can obtain a free lock:

- You must be a Tukwila resident.
- You will need a Hyundai or KIA vehicle registration
- Bring your driver's license.

Only one lock will be issued per resident. Please come to the Justice Center – at 15005 Tukwila International Boulevard – between 9:00AM and 5:00PM, Monday through Friday. Our records staff will ask for your registration and driver's license, then issue you a free steering wheel lock. In addition to locks, KIA and Hyundai have launched software upgrades for enhanced security to prevent vehicle theft.

Let's plan ahead together for flooding

Did you know more than 57,000 people in King County live in areas at high risk of flooding? Thousands more people work or commute every day near rivers, streams and shorelines that are at risk of flooding.

No one should be left behind when a flood happens. King County is developing a plan that will shape flood-related programs, policies and infrastructure for years to come. You don't need to be a flooding expert to join the conversation.

Visit the 2024 King County Flood Management Plan engagement hub today. You can share what flooding problems concern you and what services would benefit your community in an online survey, open through June 30. You can also check out an upcoming events calendar or suggest events for King County to come to in your community.

For more information about this project, please go online to **KingCounty.gov/FloodPlan**, or contact Jason Wilkinson at 206-477-4786 or **Jason.Wilkinson@KingCounty.gov**.



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April is Emergency Communications Month

Imagine it's a lovely sunny morning in Tukwila. You're in the kitchen refilling your cup of coffee when you notice some movement in the tree outside. You look a little closer and mutter "Is that a-a-a monkey?!" (This actually happened in Pennsylvania

on January 21, 2022, when three monkeys escaped from a collision involving a truck carrying 100 laboratory monkeys. An emergency message went out to surrounding communities telling them *not* to search for or attempt to capture the monkeys.)



Monkey messages aside, mass notification systems have been used nationwide to notify entire communities at once about emergency weather alerts, boil water orders, flood warnings, shelter-in-place, active shooters, school lockdowns, evacuations and more. Many scenarios could prompt the need for our Emergency Management Team to reach you quickly, alerting you about potential hazards and threats that impact Tukwila.

If we can't reach you, we can't help you stay informed. How can we attempt to contact thousands of people quickly? The answer: Mass Notification Systems that send real-time alerts with important, sometimes lifesaving information.

The City of Tukwila uses **ALERT King County** (CodeRED product) as its mass notification system to alert you of emergencies in our community. Sign-up is free and easy to complete online. You provide the necessary information, such as your phone numbers, email, address, and how you'd like to receive your messages. Enrollment is a one-time process. If you change your mind about receiving alerts, you can modify your information or cancel at any time.

Your registration information you submit to ALERT King County is safeguarded by CodeRED as proprietary. This means the City of Tukwila cannot see your individual information entered into the system, but we can use it to send emergency alerts.

Are you a business owner? This system is for you too! Consider signing up for ALERT King County to receive critical emergency messages that could protect you, your business and employees.

Sign-up is free and easy! TukwilaWA.gov/AlertKC

For more information or questions about Alert King County, or for assistance in signing up, please contact the City of Tukwila's Emergency Management Division at 206-971-8781 or EmergencyPrep@TukwilaWA.gov.



City Council Actions Highlights: January-February, 2023

City Council meeting minutes and the complete text of all legislative items are available online in the Digital Records Center at **TukwilaWA.gov**.

For additional information about any of these actions, please call 206-433-8993.

- Elected Cynthia Delostrinos Johnson as 2023 City Council President
- Established the titles, duties and schedule of the 2023 City Council Committees (Res. 2063)
- Approved grant funding for the 42nd Avenue South Raised Crosswalk Project, Nelsen Side Channel Project, Transportation Demand Management Program
- Amended Civil Service Commission makeup to aid in police recruitment efforts (Ord. 2697)
- Approved lodging tax-funded contract for 2023-2024
 Seawolves Partnership
- Adopted King County Animal Code (Ord. 2698)
- Adopted a revised Fire Permit Fee Schedule (Res. 2065)

CONFIRMATIONS

Congratulations to following community members who were confirmed to City Boards and Commissions. Tukwila thanks you for your volunteer service to our community!

Arts Commission: Pat Bako, Sheila Coppola

Equity and Social Justice Commission: Joe Duffie, Kristen Schwabe-Fry, LaTricia Kinlow

Human Services Advisory Board: Steve Miller, Gerie Ventura, Verna Seal, Robin Boland, Andrew Hays

Park Commission: Sean Albert, Scott Kruize, Joe Camacho, Ella Thorng

Planning Commission: Louise Strander, Alexandria Teague

Community-Oriented Policing Citizens Advisory Board:Rachel MacDonald, Dulce Zamora

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Council Corner

Dear Tukwila Community,

We are deeply concerned and saddened by the death of Tyre Nichols at the hands of five officers of the Memphis Police Department.

Tyre Nichols was a beloved father, a beloved son, and a beloved member of the community. He did not deserve to leave the earth in the way that he did.

What happened in Memphis was tragic, should not happen, and could have been prevented. We want our community to know that we do not condone the conduct and behavior of the officers in Memphis, and that this would never be tolerated in Tukwila. We also take this moment as an opportunity to renew our commitment in working towards eliminating systemic racism within our institutions, and supporting and exploring alternatives to public safety.

We are supportive of the work our Tukwila Police Department has been doing to hold itself to a higher standard of accountability, building trust through community engagement, and establishing greater oversight of its practices.

The Tukwila Police Department was the first in the state to develop a community review board for any use of force by an officer. Community members in Tukwila serve on the Community Review Board and have a direct influence on how "reasonable use of force" is interpreted. Hiring now involves community members as part of selecting officers who will be serving our community, and they have deployed a new approach to responding to issues involving mental health that pairs officers with mental health professionals. The Tukwila Police Department was also on the forefront of the use of bodyworn and in-car cameras.

Despite the meaningful reforms our Tukwila Police Department has implemented, we also recognize that relying solely on law enforcement is not the only way to achieve public safety

Council President Cynthia Delostrinos Johnson

Councilmember Kathy Hougard

Councilmember De'Sean Quinn

Councilmember Kate Kruller

Statement on the death of Tyre Nichols – A call to action for Tukwila

by Cynthia Delostrinos-Johnson, 2023 Council President



in our communities. There are broader solutions that involve providing more support and opportunities to those who have been historically and structurally marginalized by our institutions. We want to chart a new path for our city that is more inclusive, more accessible, and more in line with the needs of our community.

The work of Tukwila's Equity and Social Justice Commission and Equity Policy Implementation Committee have been working to hold our City accountable to making progress on the City's equity policy. It is our shared goal to eliminate systemic barriers and provide fair access to programs, services and opportunities to achieve social, civic and economic justice within the City of Tukwila.

It is time to explore new solutions to achieve community safety. The Tukwila City Council is committed to this endeavor. We believe that this endeavor needs to involve our Tukwila Police Department, our City Administration, and our community. The path forward should involve all of us working together towards a better future.

The Tukwila City Council invites you to continue this dialogue with us about what you believe makes Tukwila a safer, better place for all. If you are interested in joining us, please contact the Council at CityCouncil@TukwilaWA.gov, and share your thoughts and whether you are willing to commit to continue with us in this discussion. Or come see us at a City Council meeting, we meet almost every Monday night at 7:00PM, at Tukwila City Hall.

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Mayor Allan Ekberg

Police Chief Eric Drever

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Time for some Good Healthy Fun with Tukwila Parks & Recreation



Earth Month in Tukwila

April is Earth Month, a worldwide annual event that celebrates environmental protections and education about how we can keep our planet green. Earth Month is a great time to join a volunteer work party, learn new gardening tips, and do some spring cleaning inside and outside. Tukwila has you covered with free activities to get you learning about the environment, recycling/repurposing, and enjoying nature. Check them out at

TukwilaWA.gov/EarthMonth



Help a Local Forest Steward in May – remove invasive weeds at a spring work party!

• Restoration at Riverton May 10, 11:30AM-1:30PM

• Cottonwood Corner May 11, 11:00AM-2:00PM

• Duwamish Hill Preserve May 20, 10:00AM—1:00PM

We provide all tools and training. Sign up today and learn more at **TukwilaWA.gov/GreenTukwila**.

Urban Bird-Watching Workshop with Kelsey Hansen

Wednesday, May 3 – 5:45_{PM} Tukwila Community Center & Zoom

Want to know more about the feathered friends in your neighborhood or yard? Learn about identifying birds, gather resources to start your birding journey, get hands-on practice with binoculars, and more at this Birding Basics class with the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife Watchable Wildlife Coordinator Kelsey Hansen. All skill sets are welcome.

Summer Sports Camps Registration

(Open as of April 3)



Sports camps are coming to Tukwila Community Center for children ages 4–12. Scholarships are available.

- Basketball Flag Football
- Soccer Cheer
- Tennis Golf
- Volleyball
- Ultimate (Frisbee)



Check Out the 2022 Utility Box Artists' Work!

In 2021, Tukwila Parks and Recreation began its Utility Box Art Program. Utility boxes are common elements of streetscapes and are necessary for controlling electrical equipment. These boxes can be transformed from being anonymous elements of the urban landscape to displays



of artwork and neighborhood identity by having them covered in digitally designed vinyl wraps. The program is also a way for us to support local artists.

Explore Your Parks! Duwamish Hill Preserve



Duwamish Hill Preserve is a 10.5acre parcel of historical, cultural and ecological significant land in Tukwila. Located at 3800 South 115th Street, the Preserve includes an outdoor classroom

area, the Cultural
Garden, an enhanced
trail system, and
continued restoration
opportunities for
volunteers. Duwamish
Hill Preserve is managed
as a public open space
preserve, dedicated to
the conservation and
enhancement of its
rich Native American
cultural history,
ecological importance
and community impact.



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Fitness/Wellness Memberships and Classes

Tukwila Parks & Recreation offers a wide range of membership options for adults, seniors, youth, veterans and active military. For information on fitness memberships, please visit us online or email HealthyTukwila@TukwilaWA.gov.



Fitness Room Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 6:30aм- 8:30pм Friday: 6:30aм-5:30pм Saturday: 7:30aм-12:30 pм

The nice weather is on the way! Rent one of our park spaces for your next event

Tukwila is home to several beautiful parks offering ideal locations for outdoor events. Picnic tables, park shelters, a gazebo, athletic fields, walking paths, and more are available for use.





Calling all Pickleballers!

Visit our website to learn more about:

- Clinics for beginner, intermediate players
- · Open play hours
- Court reservations



What's the Scoop on Seniors?

Tukwila's Community Center is a hub of activity for seniors. A few of our offerings:



FREE Fitness Room Pass – If you live in Tukwila and are 55 years of age or older, you can work out in our Fitness Room for FREE: Monday–Friday 6:30AM–12:30PM, and Saturdays 7:30AM–12:30PM.

FREE Veterans Fitness Room Pass – If you're a veteran of any age that lives in King County, you may obtain a FREE fitness pass good until December 31, 2023. This program is sponsored by the King County Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy.

FREE Senior Fitness Classes – Just drop in. No need to register!

FREE Insurance Partner Fitness Membership Application
 If you are Medicare eligible, or a member of Silver
 Sneakers/Prime, Silver&Fit/Active&Fit, Renew Active.



Have your teen join us most Fridays at the Tukwila Community Center from 8:00–11:00_{PM}. FREE ENTRY and FREE FOOD! Upcoming dates are April 21 and April 28. Lots of activities every week:

- ▶ Young Men and Young Women Check-in Groups
- ▶ TikTok, Music, Vibe and Chill Rooms
- Sip n' Paint (root beer floats, apple cider, juice, soda, water)
- > Arts & Crafts
- ▶ FAM Fitness Program
- ▶ Sports & Games: basketball, volleyball, dodgeball, board games, cards, video games, ping pong, pool, and air hockey



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7:00_{PM} in Council Chambers

Regular Meetings1st/3rd	Mondays
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